

# The Messenger

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## Join us to for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is the ELCA's annual day of service, and in 2023 we celebrated the 10th anniversary!

St. James has been participating in a variety of ways over the years, as we take our worship into the world with acts of caring and service.

The video below is from The ELCA church wide office. Join New Life Lutheran Church of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview, Minn., as they participate in service projects and reflect on what "God's work. Our hands." means to them.

<https://youtu.be/U2pfU6F1rm0>

### Sunday Sept 8th

Light lunch after worship (Contact: Ruth Ann Crecelius)

- We will tie comfort blankets in the quilt room in the annex (Contact: Marcia Katt)
- We will tie for quilts for Episcopal migrant workers in the quilt room in the annex (Contact: Penny Kendall)
- Assembling small gift bags for home bound members will take place (Contact: Tonie Neal)
- Children's card making activity (Contact: Mandy Rea)



### Council Nominations for 2025

Congregation Council? Me?!

Yes. Especially you!



The nominating committee will begin seeking nominations for council members of the 2025-26 Congregation Council. Being on congregation council requires an open heart and open mind.

Together, this group of people makes decisions about the future mission and goals of St. James. It can be an exciting and faith forming experience.

We will be electing up to 8 individuals to fulfill 1 or 2 year terms.

If you know of someone who you think has the gifts for leadership on council, please suggest that individual to Kevin Hoffman or Pastor John. Individuals must be active members of the congregation (per constitution).

### Save The Dates:



Sunday, October 6 ...

A service of the *Blessing of The Animals* details and arrangements for this service and fellowship time will be announced soon.



Sunday, October 27 ... *Reformation Sunday*

A special morning of worship is being planned to commemorate the beginning of the Reformation in 1514.



Sunday, September 29 ...  
**New Members' Sunday**



## Join a Ministry Team

**The Congregation Council is focused on re-forming congregational ministry teams.** Currently, the focus is in the areas of Stewardship, Evangelism, and Worship & Music.

The Stewardship Team works to inform, encourage, ask, and give thanks to the congregation for acts of generosity. Growing in generosity is a goal for all disciples – in sharing of time and creativity, as well as financial resources. The Stewardship Team helps the congregation “see the future stories of ministry” that can be told tomorrow, because of generous giving today.

Another area of focus for Stewardship Team is helping folks improve personal financial management habits and actions. A goal is to offer courses once or twice a year (i.e. Dave Ramsey, Thrivent, or others) for members of the congregation and community.

The Evangelism Team tells the stories of God that happen in, with, and through St. James Lutheran congregation and its members. They help develop, improve, and manage communication tools such as the church newsletter, Facebook page, website, digital communications, bulletin boards, local advertising, signage and promotions, etc.

Worship & Music Team will assist the pastor and music director with developing, planning, and evaluating the various worship formats and music opportunities for St. James. Worship life is central to faith formation and relationship building for the congregation.

We will be needing three to five people on each of these teams, with a commitment to serve for up to two years. If you have skills, passions, or the desire to learn about any of these specific ministry areas, please speak to Pastor John or one of the Executive Committee (Kevin Hoffman, president; Valarie Brewer, vice-president; or, Nikki Rettman, Secretary).





## Woodpecker Baseball Outing



Brandon Dean Johnson



Aiden "Luther" Stockham

Approximately 20 St. James folks gathered on August 10<sup>th</sup> to enjoy hometown baseball at Segra Stadium. It was Arts Community night at the stadium, and we enjoyed seeing two of St. James finest artists be recognized.

Brandon Dean Johnson, creator of Hoodlins, was the special guest. The Woodpeckers wore Hoodlin jerseys for the game. Brandon is grandson of Roscoe and Brenda Killett.

Also presenting was Aiden "Luther" Stockham, creator of the "Live Authentically" brand. You can catch Luther on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/aiden.stockham>.



**Interested in becoming a member of St. James?**

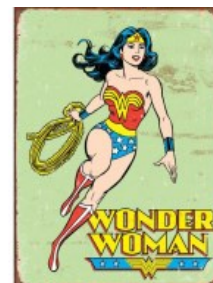
Contact Pastor John. Information-sharing meetings will be in September, with new members received during worship – currently scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>.



**St. Mark's Women host Fall Conference Gathering:  
"Women of Wonder"**



**WHAT:** 2024 Sandhills Fall Conference Gathering where we will gather for food and fellowship, collect offerings, experience a thought-provoking Bible Study, and hold a Candlelight Service of Remembrance for the Christine Bohr-Anderson Seminary Scholarship.



**BIBLE STUDY:** "WOW – Women of Wonder" Wonder is a Spiritual Emotion that invites us to be surprised by God's mystery, to let God be big, to enjoy moments when God fills us and this world with beauty, even when the world around us looks anything but beautiful. Wonder leaves us feeling more connected rather than alone in this world. As Women of the Word and Women of Wonder, we'll explore the stories of three New Testament Women of the Bible – Phoebe, Anna and Joanna – and discuss how their stories relate to our world today.

- WHEN:** 9 AM – 12 Noon, Saturday, September 21, 2024
- WHERE:** St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 202 West 24th Street, Lumberton, NC
- COST:** \$10.00 to cover cost for food.
- REGISTER:** Email Maxine Amos: maxineamos50@gmail.com

**OFFERINGS:**

1. Regular Offering to Feeding the Carolinas (<https://feedingthecarolinas.org>) an organization dedicated to ending Food Insecurity in the Carolinas
2. "2024 Pennies Offering" to Sleep In Heavenly Peace <https://shpbeds.org>  
Their mission is simple – "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"
3. In-Kind Offering: Robeson County Church and Community Center: Diapers (sizes 3-6, 2T, 3T and baby wipes for families displaced by flooding due to Hurricane Debby

Registration Deadline is September 18.

### Remember our College Students

Please remember the following young adults in prayer as they begin another year of study:



Lela Pell	UNC-Pembroke
Megan Burks	Fayetteville Tech Community College
Bella Fish	North Carolina State University
Carly Burks	East Carolina University
Elliott Fish	East Carolina University
Clayton McLamb	Elon University
Lori Gibson	Roanoke College

*This is the current listing of college students in the St. James database. Please notify the church office of any changes or additions that are needed.*

**Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!**



Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall  
September 3rd

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Gatherings are once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

Each person is encouraged to bring a dish of food to share.

There are occasional programs, but sharing conversation seems to be the most uplifting and consistent activity.

### Youth Event



Youthquake is a Synod-sponsored one-day event for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders for fellowship, learning, service, and worship.

Youthquake (Eastern Event) will be Saturday, October 5th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh from 10 am to 3 pm

We'd love to help a group from St. James attend. If you are interested in your child attending, please call the church office.

## Fellowship opportunity for the women of Saint James!



*Eugene Peterson, author of The Message (The Bible in Contemporary Language) interprets Matthew 5:13 "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage".*

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **September 12th at 9am** at Maple Street Biscuit Company in the Freedom Parkway shopping center.

Collectively, we can envision where God might be leading us with this verse from Matthew and discuss how to proceed.

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007

## Men's Fellowship



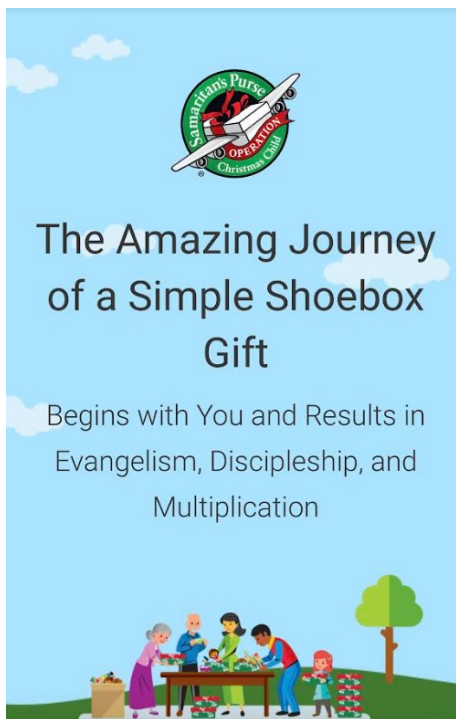
***Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages. If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.***

*Next: Wednesday, September 4*

*Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.*



## Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes



This is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

Jane Boelke 651-636-3336 is contact person.

Please save any empty adult size shoe boxes and bring to church. We have included a list of items that are requested. There is also a list of items that will NOT be accepted. This is a great way to show God's Work throughout the world.

Shoeboxes can be brought anytime. Items to fill boxes will be collected September 8, 15, 22 and 29.

A \$10.00 donation is requested for each shoebox to help with shipping. If you are interested in helping please make checks payable to St. James and indicated for shipping of "Shoeboxes"

### What NOT to put in a Samaritan's Purse shoebox:

Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); medications or vitamins, liquids or lotions; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...

**FUN** –includes a "wow" item and other quality toys

**FULL** –packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items

**PERSONALIZED** –prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items!





# Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and

## A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens





# Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

## A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



### Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



**Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available.**

## Receive Text Updates



Enter this number

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If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages instead, here is how to sign up

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**Assisting Ministers**

9/01 ..... Ruth Ann Crecellius  
 9/08 ..... Allan Winter  
 9/15 ..... Jane Boelke  
 9/22 ..... Jane Boelke  
 9/29 ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius

**Lectors**

9/01 ..... Beverly Beale  
 9/08 ..... Glenn Stockwell  
 9/15 ..... Bill Rettmann  
 9/22 ..... Valerie Brewer  
 9/29 ..... Todd Burns

**Communion Assistant**

9/01 ..... Tonie Neal  
 9/08 ..... Delores Schiebe  
 9/15 ..... Paula Burns  
 9/22 ..... Delores Schiebe  
 9/29 ..... Sue Rink

**Ushers**

9/01 ..... Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger  
 9/08 ..... John & Gayle Frinak  
 9/15 ..... Sharon VanPelt, Joan Eissinger  
 9/22 ..... Tonie Neal, James Peterson  
 9/29 ..... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius

**Acolytes**

9/01 ..... Gabriel Thomas  
 9/08 ..... Henry Orellano  
 9/15 ..... Ian Gibson  
 9/22 ..... Gianna Orellano  
 9/29 ..... Hannah Rea

**Greeters**

9/01 ..... Fran DeSilva  
 9/08 ..... John & Gayle Frinak  
 9/15 ..... Nancy Oliver  
 9/22 ..... Sue Rink  
 9/29 ..... Delores Schiebe

**Rover**

9/01 ..... Dan Hewins  
 9/08 ..... Tom Liedig  
 9/15 ..... Dave Runkle  
 9/22 ..... Todd Burns  
 9/29 ..... Edd Samuelian

**Nursery**

9/01 ..... Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell  
 9/08 ..... TBA  
 9/15 ..... Kevin Hoffmann, Valerie Brewer  
 9/22 ..... Brittany Sterling, Kathleen Heinrich  
 9/29 ..... Tonie Neal, Kevin Hoffmann





# Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

### Remember These

#### **People at Home or in Care facilities** (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett
- Audry Orose

### Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Tim Cannon
- ◇ Ann McAllister
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Chris Yerton
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel

### Military Members

(\* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner \*



- 9/01 Amanda Mott
- 9/05 Nicholas George
- 9/05 Joshua Rea
- 9/10 Jordan Slaymaker
- 9/11 Laura Stockham
- 9/13 Barbara Azzarellil
- 9/13 Elizabeth Hoffmann
- 9/14 Catherine Earle
- 9/15 Carl Rosenberg
- 9/19 Maddie Crecelius
- 9/25 Linda Schlenker
- 9/25 John Locke
- 9/26 Donna Runkle
- 9/28 Gabriel Thomas

### Anniversaries



- 9/09  
Roscoe & Brenda Killett
- 9/29  
Ann & Dan Gibson

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All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact  
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